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Hi, Fred -

USPS provides me a service titled “Informed Delivery Daily Digest.” Every so often I get an email showing a scan of mail and announcing:

COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON

They send me B&W images of mail on its way to me. Imagine my excitement earlier this month when I saw an envelope from you on its way to me – I just knew it was going to be some stories from you to enter into *Blackledge Stories*.

Well, it was a birthday card. A dang birthday card. And yes, it had a nice note from you, but ... no stories !

I know you want to be a contributor to *Blackledge Stories*, and I am here to help. What I want most from you are a few memories from your talks with ADB, perhaps a war story or two, some summary of your 13 marathons, and any other events or memories you would like to share.

To facilitate this process, I have enclosed a SASE – a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. All you need to do is sketch out your memories, fill in the spreadsheet, place it back in the envelope, and put it out for your mailman. Fred, the Family is counting on you! This is Legacy we’re dealing with! You can preserve those precious memories forever!

– With Hope and Affection,



Honolulu Marathon, December 7, 1980
Fred Woods, age 45 Time: 4:11